

AMENDMENTS OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A thermal printer connectable to a portable type terminal equipment, said thermal printer comprising:

a printer head for carrying out printing operation onto a printing medium;

a printer cover having members coupled together by a hinge to be openable and closable;

and

a platen provided in the printer cover in contact with the printer head when the printer cover is closed;

wherein a straight line connecting a shaft of the platen to a shaft of the hinge is generally parallel to a bottom surface of the portable type terminal equipment and the printer head is generally perpendicular to the straight line connecting the platen shaft to the pivot axis when the thermal printer is connected to the portable type terminal equipment.

Claim 2 (original): A thermal printer according to claim 1, wherein said members of the printer cover comprise an upper cover and a lower cover, and the upper cover is rotatable relative to the lower cover on about the pivot axis to be openable and closable.

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Claims 3-6 (canceled).